

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A washing installation ~~comprises~~ includes a first washer (3) for washing slices of root vegetable with water ~~when slicing the same~~, a second washer in the form of a rotating pipe (4) supplied with water at an infeed end for the slices of root vegetable washed during slicing, and a third washer (20) with a foraminated conveyor (16) for an additional washing of the slices of root vegetable discharged from the pipe (4) and conveyance of the same to a hopper. On each side of an intermediate portion (7), the rotating pipe (4) has a portion (6, 8) with increased diameter. The intermediate portion (7) is perforated. A water inlet is arranged in the portion (8) with increased diameter after the intermediate portion (7) for replacing the washing water flowing out of the perforations of the intermediate portion (7).